# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5139
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DROUGHT HIT AREAS
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the areas/places identified as drought prone in the country;

(b) whether the Government has sanctioned or considering any proposal for ascertaining the reasons of drought and scientific analysis to prevent it with regard to such drought prone areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): A Technical Committee chaired by Prof. C.H. Hanumantha Rao, Ex-Member Planning Commission identified areas for Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) during 1994-95. Details of States, Districts and Blocks covered under DPAP are annexed.

(b) & (c): These areas have been identified based on soil moisture index. A total number of 27439 projects have been sanctioned during 1995-96 to 2005-06. No new projects are sanctioned under DPAP as the scheme has been subsumed under Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP).